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CLOSURE OF MINI STEEL PLANTS
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of mini-steel plants closed during the last three years;

(b) the total number of employees rendered jobless due to closure of these units;

(c) the number of employees absorbed in the new companies/plants set up in their place; and

(d) the number of mini-steel plants closed during the above period reopend?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI DILIP RAY)

(a) 52 numbers of Electric Arc Furnace (EAF) based mini steel plants were reportedly closed during the period from 1996-97 to 1999-2000 (Upto 31.12.1999).
(b) As per available information, the closed EAF units had employment of about 18056.
(c) & (d): Seven closed EAF units which were reopened through Induction Furnace route fully re-employed 594 persons.